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1. SENIOR DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS ADOPTED RELAXED POSTURE TOWARD NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF MBFR. ADMIRAL TREBESCH, DIRECTOR-MILITARY POLICY AND PLANS, REMARKED MARCH 26 TO EMBOFF THAT U.S. DIDN'T PARTICULARLY DESIRE THE RECENT TRILATERALS WITH THE GERMANS AND BRITISH AND ARE GLAD THAT AT LEAST THE FIRST PHASE (SIC) OF THOSE TRILATERALS ARE OVER.

2. TREBESCH SAID U.S. HAS ABOUT NINETY-FIVE PERCENT OF ALLIED NUCLEAR WEAPONS. GIVEN "PROBABLE SOVIET REJECTION OF ALLIED PROPOSALS FOR ASYMMETRICAL RUSSIAN
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GROUND FORCE REDUCTIONS, BONN CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT

STAND IN U.S. WAY IF WASHINGTON WISHES TO BRING A FEW
MORE OF ITS NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO MBFR.

3. DESPITE ABOVE GENERAL COMMENTS ON SUBSTANCE, TREBESCH
FULLY SUPPORTED ROTH'S POSITION (REFTEL - PARA 7) THAT
MBFR NUCLEAR ISSUE MUST BE HANDLED WITHIN NATO IN A
MANNER TO MAINTAIN ALLIED COHESION.
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